from the State Government of Karnataka, 3418 children have been mainstreamed into formal schools since 1999-2000. These children have been mainstreamed from the special schools being run under the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) launched by the Govemment in 7 districts through 190 special schools of 50 children each.

Identification of child labour is a continuous process and the State Government has issued directions to speed up the process. According to the survey conducted by the State Govemment, 6184 child labour have been identified to be working in hazardous occupations.

Under the scheme of NCLP, five projects at Raichur, Bijapur, Dharwad, Bangalore Rural Dist., and Bangalore Urban Dist., in the state of Karnataka have been sanctioned for the coverage of 9,500 children withdrawn from work. An amount of Rs. 4,09,36,000/- has been allocated for the current financial year.

Plan for Skill Upgradation of Workers

977. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government had any comprehensive plan for skill upgradation of construcsion, forest and agricultural workers in view of the globalization privatization and modernization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN). There is no comprehensive plan for Skill Upgradation of Construction, Forest and Agricultural Workers. However, training in some trades relating to construction, forest and agricultural sectors such as Mason, Plumber, cane willow & Bamboo workers, Mechanic Tractor, Mechanic Agricultural Machinery and Pump operator-cum-Mechanic are imparted under Craftsmen Training Programme conducted by Industrial Training Institutes and Centres.

Industrial Sickness

978. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI study had pointed out that management